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MOVIE HOUSES' VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW GO UNPUNISHED; COMPLAINTS MADE IN VAIN

S. P. C. C. Reveals Reports
to City Bureaus Brought
Only Small Fines.

SMALL GIRLS ATTACKED.

Society's Name Used Falsely
in Attempt to Legalize Ad-
mittance of Minors Alone.

Col. Ernest K. Coulter, general man-
ager of the Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Children, said to-day:

"Even since the advent of the mo-
tion picture industry we have exerted
every possible effort to protect chil-
dren from harm.

"Nearly one hundred and fifty let-
ters have been written to John F.
Gitchrist, Commissioner of Licenses,
acquainting him with rotten condi-
tions existing in some of the motion
picture houses throughout the city.
To this correspondence we have re-
ceived but few replies."

The records of the society show
that many of the theatres reported
to the Commissioner have been pre-
viously brought to the attention of
those in authority as often as ten or
twelve times. Among those reported
to the society are the Tuxedo Motion
Picture Theatre at No. 350 Third
Avenue, the license of which was sus-
pended for twenty-four hours. In al-
most every other instance on record
nothing was done other than taxing
the owner or manager a small fine.

Numbered among those reported
are the Thompson Street Theatre, No.
180 Thompson Street; Cannon Moving
Picture House, No. 112 Cannon
Street; Favorite, No. 525 Eighth Ave-
nue; the Progress Moving Picture
Theatre, No. 1892 First Avenue; the
Palace Theatre, No. 125 West Street;
and a house at No. 422 Second Street.

In the New Star Theatre at Lexing-
ton Avenue and 10th Street many
almost unbelievable things have oc-
curred to children. In the film of the
society there is written an account of
a girl of fourteen years of age, who
was attacked by an usher. During
an act another employee assaulted
another child of fourteen. There
was another attack on a youngster
by a ticket chopper named "Gus."

This condition has been repeated in
several other theatres from time to
time. Most of these acts have oc-
curred in theatres in the cheaper sec-
tions of the city. Almost never has
there been a report of this nature
concerning one of the "better"
houses. One of the reasons for this,
perhaps, may be that men of a calibre
to commit such deeds cannot afford
higher class shows; another reason
is that they are probably aware that

2 Husbands? She Has 4, So Is Acquitted

Lawyer Proves Bigamy Com-
plaint Technically Wrong;
Case Goes to Grand Jury

ANNE LEVINE, fat and forty, ap-
peared in the Court of General Ses-
sions to-day before Judge McIntyre
to answer a charge that she had two
husbands. She was acquitted on the
ground that instead of having two,
she had four—and maybe six. It's a
dreadfully complicated and it's up to
the Grand Jury.

Mrs. Levine—if that is her legal
name—lives at No. 108 Essex Street.
Assistant District Attorney McQuaid
said that on July 1 last she married
Harry Bakal, No. 187 Ludlow Street,
a cloth finisher, and that in July,
1915, she had married Max Feigen-
baum, a wealthy baker in Cleveland.
So she was accused of bigamy.

She took the stand and enumerated
her following matrimonial adventures:
"Married No. 1, Philip Serota, No.
413 Cherry Street, in 1895, and had
three children.

"Married No. 2, Louis Clapper, in
1905, after getting a 'Jewish divorce'
from Serota.

"Married No. 3, Max Feigenbaum,
Aug. 29, 1915.

"Married No. 4, Harry Bakal, July
1, 1920."

Thereupon her counsel moved that
the jury be directed to acquit on the
ground that, when she married Bakal,
Feigenbaum was not, as the com-
plaint said, her legal husband, and if
there was a legal husband he was
not named in the complaint. Judge
McIntyre and to grant the motion.

But no sooner had Mrs. Levine been
discharged than she was re-arrested
and held in \$500 bail to await the ac-
tion of the Grand Jury on her own
story. And it was said that detec-
tives on the case are prepared to
name two more husbands, including a
man by the name of Levine.

MARRIAGE REFUSAL FRAUD?

Justice Commends Question to
Appellate Division.

Does the refusal to go through a
civil marriage after a civil ceremony,
when a promise to do so has been
made, constitute fraud within the
meaning of the law providing for the
annulment of marriages?

Supreme Court Justice Heikichia
recommends that the Appellate Divi-
sion pass on this question, which has
been raised several times this year in
Supreme Court.

The justice has denied an annulment
of marriage to Sarah Watkins, who
sued her husband, Theodore Watkins,
on the ground that he failed to keep
his prenuptial promise to follow the
civil marriage ceremony with a religious
one.

POLICE AUCTION AIRPLANES.

Also Six Stockings, Pipes, Cam-
suits Goods and Liberty Bonds.

Unwanted and unwanted goods to
be sold at auction this morning. Head-
quarters in the last police
clerk's office. The goods offered include
six pairs of "dumpy" socks, a cam-
suits, a 5th Liberty Bond, four
baseball uniforms, a pipe, a pipe,
broken watches, feather fans, cigarettes,
sugar and "contaminated."

The list also included twenty-two au-
tomobiles, two aeroplanes and eight
discarded patrol wagons.

Ends His Life by Gun.
Harry M. Frost, fifty years old, No.
325 East 53rd Street, committed sui-
cide by inhaling illuminating gas
through a tube at his residence to-
day.

COUPLE TRAPPED IN FLEEING FIRE; WOMAN OVERCOME

Caught in Small Space Under
Roof When They Are Un-
able to Locate Door.

SHOW HORSES IN PERIL.

Blaze Starts in Lamp Factory
Over Stable—Two Firemen
Hurt in \$75,000 Fire.

Morris Weinstein and his wife,
Annie, who live on the third floor of
the West Side Apartment House,
Nos. 65-67 West Ninth Street, were
aroused at 4:30 A. M. to-day by a
noise downstairs, and on opening the
door found the hall filled with smoke.

When they started down the stairs
the smoke was so thick they decided
they could not escape that way and
made for the roof of the seven-story
building. When they went as high
as they could go they could not locate
the trap-door and found themselves
stuck in a small space under the roof.

The smoke accumulated so rapidly
they were unable to get back down,
and in a short time Mrs. Weinstein
was overcome. Her husband shouted
for help until firemen, who had ar-
rived in the meantime, heard them.
Jack Quinn, driver for Battalion
Four, went down to her apart-
ment, her husband following.

Only a few of the 270 occupants of
the seven-story apartment in the
building left their rooms. The blaze
started in a telephone booth in an al-
cove on the ground floor and went up
the elevator shaft to the second floor,
doing about \$500 damage. Battalion
Chief Quinn said a concrete
wall built for the bank on the ground
floor had prevented a spread of the
fire.

Thirteen valuable show horses,
entered at the Madison Square Gar-
den show, were endangered early to-
day by a fire at No. 240 East 20th
Street, where they were stabled as an
overflow from the Garden. Six are
jumpers owned by Isaac H. Clotier
Jr., a Philadelphia millwright; three
from the Government breeding farms
at Front Royal, Va. The others be-
long to L. E. Haynes and Mrs. J. R.
McLann. The three-story building
has a lamp factory on the top floor.
Sparks dropped down the hoist shafts
and the attendants were ordered to
remove the horses to safety.

The show horses were on the
ground floor, and the basement and
second floor housed about twenty
work horses. Each of the show
horses had a special attendant and
they were all quickly removed to the
street except the Government stallions.
The live privates in charge of
them had a hard time but finally
got them out. Not a horse was in-
jured. The fire did about \$2,000 dam-
age.

Two firemen were injured in a fire
in the four-story brick building at
Nos. 128-130 Grand Street, Brooklyn,
last night. The structure was oc-
cupied by the Interstate Corrugated
Box Company and Grand Shoe Com-
pany. The injured firemen are Lieut.
John Mayer of Engine Company No.
212 and Fireman Frederick Boode of
Hook and Ladder Company No. 13.
The damage, estimated at \$700,
was caused by a chimney fire. A
number of articles, including a
cam-suit, were saved.

WE'RE IN FOR A STORM.

Hending This Was and Growing
In Force as It Moves.

The following severe weather was
received by the local Weather Bureau
from Washington to-day:

"Northeast storm warning 5:30 A. M.
Cape May, N. J. to Eastport, Me.
Southwest storm warning rapidly in
intensity and moving northward. In-
creasing northeast winds, becoming
gales, with rain and probably snow off
New England and Middle Atlantic
Coasts. Dangerous for all shipping.

MUST PET WOMEN; ARE LIKE KITTENS, DECLARES JUDGE

"As Easy to Kill Your Wife With
Neglect as With Razor,"
He Adds.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—A
WOMAN, stroked the right
way, will purr like a cat,
but stroke her the wrong
way and she becomes a potential
tigeress, according to Judge Harry
A. Lewis, hearing divorce cases
here.

"Women," he said, "are like
kittens."
"You've got to pet 'em to keep
'em happy," he said. "Many a
home has been broken up be-
cause a man has been too lazy to
pet his wife."

"It is just as easy to kill your
wife with neglect as with a razor.
And there are better ways of
showing your wife you love her
than by sending her a dozen roses."

Lewis announced he was
through "breaking up homes." He
has established a "reconcilia-
tion room" in connection with his
court and where there is a chance
of bringing an estranged pair to-
gether he sends them into this
room to "make up."

BURGLAR IS SHOT IN CHASE FROM 5TH AVE. HOUSE

Surprised in Basement Two
Reit Policeman and Take
His Gun.

Prompt and effective use of rifle
revolvers caused the capture of three
men believed to have attempted
burglaries early to-day.

Policeman Francis Malloy of the
East 55th Street Station followed two
men he saw sneak into the fashion-
able apartment house at No. 1035
Fifth Avenue at 3:30 A. M. to-day,
and when he had trailed them
through the basement laundry to the
cellar, they attacked him.

In the fight he was overpowered
and his pistol was taken from him,
but he kept after the men as they
ran from the basement into 52d
Street. The chase continued east to
Park Avenue, and north to 85d
Street. There the fugitives saw a
policeman coming a block or so away
and turned.

Malloy commandeered a taxicab
and kept after them taking aboard
Policeman Joseph Schweitzer. The
pursuit continued down Park Avenue
to 81st Street, then east, and between
Lexington and Third Avenues
Schweitzer got near enough to fire
five shots.

The two suspects dodged into a
house in 53rd Avenue, and on the
roof of No. 1452 Third Avenue the
policemen found a negro who had
been shot in the arm and thigh. He
described himself as Thomas Saun-
ders, eighteen, No. 222 East 66th
Street, and after having his wounds
dressed by an ambulance surgeon
was locked up on a burglary charge.

The other man escaped and took with
him Malloy's gun.

In the other instance Policeman
John J. Duffy of the West 41st Street
Station fired shots after the two
men at No. 220 Hollywood Avenue, East
Manhattan, about 7 P. M. today.

The two men were seen running
west on 41st Street, and Duffy fired
shots at them.

Had Police and Station Wagon
Stationed at No. 1 Bell Street, finding
a doorway near the unsealed win-
dow of men's fur-trimmed coats, a
woman named Weiner, Duffy chased Mall,
who was captured at Fifth Avenue
and 44th Streets.

The shots woke many guests on
the south side of the hotel.

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M'SWINEY JUDGE REPORTED SEIZED BY SINN FEINERS

Officer of Court Martial That
Sentenced Mayor Dragged
From a Train.

TWO OTHERS WITH HIM.

Sinn Fein Court Has Passed
Sentence on "Murderers
of McSwiney."

CORK, Nov. 16.—Three men, one an
English officer, were dragged from a
Cork-Schibberey train last night by
kiddnappers.

The officer was believed to have
sat in the court martial which sen-
tenced Lord Mayor MacSwiney to jail
on charges of sedition.

A Sinn Fein court was reported to
have passed sentence on the "mur-
derers" of Terence MacSwiney. It was
declared all those connected with his
imprisonment would be sentenced and
that the penalty would be executed.

British officers have watched care-
fully for any attempt to carry out the
threats. One "vengeance band" which
set out for England immediately after
MacSwiney's death, was broken up.

WOMAN IN JAIL OVER COLD FLATS

Part Owner of Apartment, Denying
Blame, Goes to Cell on
Advice of Own Counsel

Mrs. Jennie Weinstein of No. 239
Bay 28th Street, Brooklyn, part owner
of an apartment house at No. 3754 17th
Avenue, Brooklyn, went to the Ray-
mond Street Jail to-day on the advice
of her counsel while the latter sought
to obtain a writ of habeas corpus for
her so she could be tried on the charge
of failing to supply heat. She was ar-
rested with Mrs. Anna Havel, the
other owner.

Mrs. Weinstein's attorney contended
that she had nothing to do with the
management of the house and that she
is not responsible for the alleged lack
of heat. Mrs. Havel gave bond for
\$500.

The excuse that the anticipated
coal shortage could be used to
better advantage later in supplying
heat than now in stopping hot water
every day obtained the release of three
landlords in the New Jersey Avenue
Court, Brooklyn, to-day. They were
Leo Swally, No. 214 Hinsdale Street,
Samuel Chalkin, No. 174 11th Street,
and Mrs. Sarah Edelstein, No. 457 Wal-
kins Street.

THIEVES BEAT GIRL, GET \$4,500 IN HOME

Victim Struck Down by Two Men
Who Call Themselves
"Detectives."

Two men representing themselves as
detectives gained entrance last night
to the home of Miss Lillian Suenen-
sen, eighteen, of No. 619 Taylor Avenue,
the Bronx, and struck her over the
head. They searched her house and
escaped with Italian lire valued at
\$1,000 and jewelry worth \$1,500, in-
cluding seven pairs of diamond ear-
rings and seven watches.

On recovering unconsciousness, Miss
Suenensen gave an alarm and detectives
are seeking the two men. They found
her lying on the floor and she was
rescued by a neighbor. She was ar-
rested and taken to the hospital.

FIRST AUTO INSPECTION FINE

Chauffeur Pays \$15 for Violation to
Concur with Officer.

Edgar W. McKee, a chauffeur of
No. 275 West 17th Street, fined \$15 to-
day in the West Side Court for the first
person to be arrested as a result of the
city-wide inspection of automobiles.
He was charged with refusing to co-
operate with an officer in the inspection
of his machine.

BRITAIN, FRANCE TO FIGHT RETURN OF CONSTANTINE

Venizelos, Winning Only 118
Deputies Against 250
Royalists, Quits.

PLANS TO LEAVE GREECE

After Election Riots Occur in
Capital and Serious Dis-
order Is Feared.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—With the defeat
of Premier Venizelos regarded by the
French Foreign Office as certain, it is
said the position of France and
Great Britain with regard to former
King Constantine is very clearly
against his return and that both
powers are determined to do every-
thing possible to prevent it.

Great Britain and France, it is in-
dicated, will act together but will
await some indication of Constantine's
intention to return.

"The defeat of Premier Venizelos,"
a Foreign Office statement said, "may
be termed a display of gross ingrati-
tude by the Greeks for the man who
brought the country to the Allies' side
and greatly increased its size,
power and influence, and this view is
shared by the Allies. It was a great
shock to the Allies."

The Greek Legation here said its
advice stated ex-Premier Gourparis,
after requesting Mr. Rallis to form a
Cabinet and receiving a refusal from
the latter, would form a Cabinet him-
self.

The programme of Gourparis, it was
added, calls for an invitation to
former Crown Prince George, the
Duke of Sparta, to ascend the throne
of Greece.

ATHENS, Nov. 16 (Associated
Press).—Premier Venizelos's Cab-
inet resigned early to-day and Ad-
miral Kountouriotis, the Regent of
Greece, has sent for George Rallis,
who has been asked to form a
new Ministry. The Drouse has been
closed because of fear of a panic.

Troops fired from a number of
points on several occasions to-day to
disperse anti-election trouble
makers. To-night there are fears of
further trouble which may lead to
martial law, and there is said to be
danger that the army may get out
of hand.

The stores, banks and theatres
were closed to-day and soldiers
patrolled the streets. To-night the
population was keeping close, not
taking the risk of leaving their
homes.

The disorders began with a parade
of opposition adherents to attack the
Liberal Club. Troops, stationed
within the club quarters fired upon
the marchers.

The military later attacked the op-
position headquarters, from which a
few shots came. For two hours the
headquarters were besieged and bom-
barded by the troops. A number of
bystanders were wounded. Troops are
guarding the public places and the
homes of the leaders of both sides.

The complete victory of the op-
position seemed almost certain last
night, although final results were
still lacking. Even leaders of the
elements opposed to Premier Veni-
zelos in the election held on Sunday
were surprised by the showing their
candidate had made in Macedonia
and Attica. It is said M. Venizelos
will leave the country, and he has al-
ready taken steps to enable himself to
visit his family in France.

Demosthenes, leader of the
opposition, has declared his intention
to leave the country and to visit his
family in France. He has already
taken steps to enable himself to visit
his family in France.

RICH BUILDER WHO PAID GRAFTER \$25,000 BRIBE ORDERED TO GO ON TRIAL

Backer, Accused of Perjury Before
Lockwood Committee, to Plead to
Indictment To-Morrow—Hettrick,
Inventor of Contract Code, Said to
Have Gone From New Jersey Home

The motion to dismiss the indictment for perjury against George
Backer, the millionaire real estate operator and contractor, following his
testimony before the Lockwood Committee investigating housing condi-
tions, was to-day denied by Judge Joseph H. Mulqueen in Part I. of the
Court of General Sessions.

Backer was ordered to appear in court to-morrow morning to plead
to the indictment.

The legality of the indictment was attacked by Edmund L. Mooney,
Backer's counsel, on the ground that, the Legislature having adjourned,
the functions of the Lockwood Committee had expired and it was with-
out authority to administer an oath to witnesses before it.

Mr. Untermyer, Counsel to the
Lockwood Committee, in opposing
characterized Mr. Mooney's motion as
a foolish one, and besought the court
not to grant it.

In his decision, Judge Mulqueen
said:

"The contention raised by Mr.
Mooney, though borne out by court
authorities of other States, is not
borne out by decisions in the State
courts of New York. The power of
the Legislature to appoint a commit-
tee and to authorize it to conduct an
investigation is not disputed. The
defendant claims that the only way
in which a Legislative committee
may be empowered to meet and func-
tion after the adjournment of the
Legislature is by a statute enacted
by the Legislature and approved by
the Governor or passed over his veto.

"As to the cases cited in other
States, we are not without authority
in this State. Therefore, I do not
consider it necessary to discuss those
cases in detail."

In answering the attack of Mr.
Mooney on the matter of the concur-
rent resolution of both houses of the
Legislature as not being a statute,
Judge Mulqueen stated:

"A concurrent resolution is not a
statute, but it has, in law, the same
force because it is an authorized act
of the Legislature and is effective for
the purpose for which it was adopted.
What is done pursuant thereto is
lawfully done.

"The purpose for which legislative
committees are generally appointed
is to conduct investigations into mat-
ters of public concern with a view to
proposing remedial legislation."

Then Judge Mulqueen formally an-
nounced the denial of the motion,
noting that concurrent resolutions of
the Legislature of New York have
been approved since 1846.

Information came to-day to the
Lockwood Committee that John T.
Hettrick, lawyer and author of the
"Building Code of Practice" which
governed the "chained circle" of
builders in this city, has disappeared
from Highland Beach, in Seabright
Borough, N. J., to which he retired
when his presence before the Lock-
wood Committee for further testi-
mony was desired. Although he was
out of the jurisdiction of the com-
mittee while he remained in New
Jersey, it is now believed he has
journeyed a little further away,
either to Florida or South America.

Mr. Untermyer made plain yester-
day to the Mayor and Board of Esti-
mate that he would not participate
in the investigation into city con-
tracts, as this would consume too
much time and complicate the main
inquiry.

"Prates and buccanniers mas-
querading in the guise of labor have
secured a strangle hold upon

There was no one on the top floor.

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